

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A remote control system comprising:
a remote control operating unit having
an input device for inputting connection information between
5 information processing equipment and information reproduction
equipment connected to the information processing equipment,
a storage device for storing the connection information
and an output device for outputting the connection information;
and

10 a control unit having a recognition device for recognizing the
connection between the information processing equipment and the
information reproduction equipment connected to the information
processing equipment, based on the connection information output from
the remote control operating unit.

15 2. A remote control system according to claim 1, wherein
the remote control operating unit has a display device for
displaying designation information indicating the information
reproduction equipment, based on the connection information.

20 3. A remote control system according to claim 1, wherein
the input device inputs the connection information set by an
external setting unit.

25 4. A remote control system according to claim 1, wherein
the remote control operating unit comprises a setting device for
setting the connection information, and the input device inputs the

connection information set by the setting device.

5. A remote control system according to claim 1, wherein
the output device outputs a control signal for remote controlling
5 the information processing equipment and the information reproduction
equipment connected to the information processing equipment.

6. A remote control system according to claim 5, wherein
the control unit controls the information processing equipment
10 and the information reproduction equipment, based on a control signal
output from the remote control operating unit, corresponding to the
connection between the information processing equipment and the
information reproduction equipment connected to the information
processing equipment recognized by the recognition device.

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7. A remote control system according to claim 1, wherein
the information processing equipment has a detection device for
detecting the presence of the information reproduction equipment
connected to the information processing equipment, and a detection
20 result output device for outputting the detection result by the detection
device to the control unit.

8. A remote control system according to claim 7, wherein
the detection result is power information of the information
25 reproduction equipment.

9. A remote control operating unit, which controls the operation of

information processing equipment and information reproduction equipment connected to the information processing equipment, comprising:

5 an input device used for inputting connection information between the information processing equipment and the information reproduction equipment;

a storage device for storing the connection information; and

a display device for displaying designation information indicating the information reproduction equipment, based on the connection
10 information stored in the storage device.

10. A remote control method comprising:

an input process for inputting connection information between information processing equipment and information reproduction
15 equipment connected to the information processing equipment, and storing the information in a storage device in a remote control operating unit;

an output process for outputting the connection information stored in the storage device; and

20 a recognition process in which a control unit recognizes the connection between the information processing equipment and the information reproduction equipment connected to the information processing equipment, based on the connection information output from the remote control operating unit.

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